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SUBJECT: SOUTH MOLUCCAN GOVERNMENT IN EXILE (RMS) HOLDS
ANNIVERSARY MEETING

1. MORE THAN 4,000 SOUTH MOLUCCANS ATTENDED THE 28 TH
ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE SOUTH MOLUCCAN GOVERNMENT IN
EXILE (RMS) IN THE HAGUE APRIL 25. RMS PRESIDENT MANUSAMA
CAUTIONED AGAINST USE OF VIOLENCE BUT SAID THAT SOUTH
MOLUCCANS WOULD CONTINUE THEIR FIGHT "UNTIL THE SOUTH
MOLUCCAN ARCHIPELAGO IS LIBERATED FROM FOREIGN DOMINATION."
RMS "MINISTER" LILIPALY ACCUSED THE GON OF BEING UNRESPONSIVE
TO SOUTH MOLUCCAN NEEDS. SEVERAL SPEAKERS URGED MOLUCCANS
TO FORGE INTERNATION CONTACTS WITH OTHER MINORITIES AND
TO SEEK HELP FROM WASHINGTON, MOSCOW AND PEKING. IN PRE-
ARRANGED SCENARIO DESIGNED TO TEST LEGISLATION PROHIBITING
THE WEARING OF UNIFORMS, POLICE ARRESTED EIGHT UNIFORMED RMS
BODYGUARDS.

2. COMMENT: PERHAPS THE MOST IMMEDIATE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
MEETING IS THAT IT DID NOT TURN INTO A RIOT. HAGUE POLICE
FORCES WERE DEPLOYED IN STRENGTH TO DEAL WITH ANY
CONTINGENCIES. OF A LONGER RANGE SIGNIFICANCE, THE SOUTH
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MOLUCCAN RHETORIC INDICATES THAT GON ATTEMPTS TO CONVINCE
THE SOUTH MOLUCCANS OF THE FUTILITY OF THEIR CAUSE AND TO
FURTHER THE INTEGRATION OF SOUTH MOLUCCANS INTO DUTCH SOCIETY
WILL HAVE DIFFICULT GOING. FINALLY, THE CALL FOR CONTACT
WITH OTHER MINORITY GROUPS ABROAD MAY PRESAGE FURTHER MOVES
TO TIE THE MOLUCCAN CAUSE TO HUMAN RIGHTS. SO FAR THE MOLUCCAN
QUESTION HAS NOT BEEN ONE OF HUMAN RIGHTS--THESE HAVE BEEN

FULLY PROTECTED--BUT RATHER ONE OF VIOLENCE RESULTING
FROM FRUSTRATION THAT THE RMS GOAL OF AN INDEPENDENT SOUTH
MOLUCCAN REPUBLIC IS NOT REALIZABLE.
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